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H. R. 2917

To reform the Federal Reserve System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLACKWELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To reform the Federal Reserve System.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT**
4 **THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL OPEN MAR-**
5 **KET COMMITTEE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 12A(a) of the Federal Re-
7 serve Act (12 U.S.C. 263(a)) is amended by striking
8 “five” and all that follows through the end of the second
9 sentence and inserting the following: “5 individuals ap-
10 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-
11 sent of the Senate, and after consultation with, and con-

1 sideration of candidates selected by, the Federal Advisory
2 Council.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply to a position on the Federal
5 Open Market Committee on the first day occurring on or
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act that there is
7 a vacancy in the position.

8 **SEC. 2. CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL OPEN**
9 **MARKET COMMITTEE AND THE SECRETARY**
10 **OF THE TREASURY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE**
11 **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND**
12 **THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECO-**
13 **NOMIC ADVISERS.**

14 Section 2A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
15 225a) is amended—

16 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
17 “The Board” the 1st place such term appears; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(b) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Federal Open
20 Market Committee shall meet and consult, on a quarterly
21 basis, with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of
22 the Office of Management and Budget, and the Chairman
23 of the Council of Economic Advisers.”.

1 **SEC. 3. COINCIDENCE OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF CHAIR-**
2 **MAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE**
3 **FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM WITH THE TERM**
4 **OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The 2nd undesignated paragraph
6 of section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 242)
7 is amended in the 3rd sentence by striking “of four years”
8 each place such term appears and inserting “ending with
9 the end of the term of office of the President”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day occurring
12 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act that there
13 is a vacancy in the office of the Chairman of the Board
14 of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

15 **SEC. 4. AVAILABILITY OF THE BUDGET OF THE FEDERAL**
16 **RESERVE SYSTEM.**

17 Section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(g) PUBLICATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE FED-
20 ERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.—

21 “(1) TRANSMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT.—Not
22 later than October 16 of each year, the Board of
23 Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall
24 transmit to the President the estimated receipts and
25 proposed expenditures of the Board and of the Fed-

1 eral Reserve banks for the year and for each of the
2 2 immediately succeeding years.

3 “(2) TRANSMISSION TO THE CONGRESS WITH
4 THE BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES.—The Presi-
5 dent shall transmit to the Congress, without change,
6 the matter transmitted pursuant to paragraph (1),
7 with the budget transmitted to the Congress under
8 subsection (a).”.

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